

generally I think with both Senator Hannibal and Senator Lundy's remarks, and I hope that this amendment is a middle ground. By striking the language "filing as a candidate" and substituting the language "taking office as a member", why then it is clear that when the person takes office he has to resign his employment with the district but he doesn't have to do that prior to winning an election, and I think Senator Hannibal is right that if we require people to resign their office prior to even running, why we are going to deter a lot of people from running who might otherwise be interested. So, if this is agreeable to the legislators involved, I would suggest that we change it in this respect. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Doyle, did you wish to speak to the amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR DOYLE: Yes. I can speak to the amendment to the amendment just as well. I believe that there is a provision in state law that says when a member is elected certainly to the Legislature, there is a provision for reinstatement after that individual has served out that term, and I believe that other sections of the law deal with this particular area. Now we are only talking about district...public power district directors and I think if we are going to place restrictions on a particular category, in this case power district directors, why not extend that same restriction to other jurisdictions if we are really serious about it? Why don't we also say that when a member of the Legislature files for another office and decides that that person is going to run for another office, then maybe we ought to say that at that time a person should have to resign from the Legislature to run for any other office. I think we are being unfair. I don't think that this is the kind of thing that we ought to be doing. I think I go along with the amendment to the amendment of Senator Hoagland's but I intend to vote against any restrictions that would have the effect of depriving an individual from running for an office, conflict or no conflict of interest. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President and members of the body, I cannot support that amendment because it does away with what I intended to do. There is a conflict of interest. When that individual who is working for a power district files for a member of that board and it could create a very difficult situation within that district and he could be using some of the things that took place beforehand and he may have filed because of a disagreement between the manager and himself, and it could upset the operation of that district.